

Amendments to the Claims

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method for reducing visceral fat, which comprises administering to a subject suffering from type-II diabetes mellitus, hyperinsulinemia, dyslipidemia, hypertension, and/or arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease, ~~desired for the reduction of visceral fat~~ a composition comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of curcumin and a curcuminoid as an active agent, with the intention of reducing visceral fat in said subject.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said composition is in the form of a food or a drink.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said composition is in the form of a pharmaceutical.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said subject is a domestic animal or pet.